DENVER WRITING PROJECT SUMMER INSTITUTE
INVITATION TO APPLY

Institute Dates
The 2018 ISI will run **from June 11-June 29, 2018** and will meet Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., except on June 29th, which will be an independent work day to wrap up writings for the institute. Before applying, please confirm that your schedule allows you to attend every day.
We will also hold pre- and post-institute meetings that are part of the commitment to the summer institute. To earn credit for completing the institute, you must also attend these meetings.

- Pre-Institute Meeting: April 21st 2018 from 10am-1pm.
- Post-Institute Meeting/Reunion: September 22nd 2018 from 10am-1pm.

Eligibility
Classroom teachers from public or private schools, K-16, are welcome to apply. We invite teachers from any discipline who demonstrable success in the teaching of writing and a reflective teaching practice. Participants must have a professional commitment to the teaching of writing and related literacy activities and personal commitment to developing as a writer through self-sponsored writing projects.

Application Requirements

1) **To be considered, please send a letter* that addresses the following:**
   - an explanation of why, as a teacher of writing and as a writer, you are applying for the Invitational Summer Institute;
   - a description of one or two of your best practices for teaching writing (what they are, how they led to improved student writing, why you consider them "best");
   - demographic information (school, grades, subjects you teach; ethnic, cultural, and linguistic diversity among the students you teach);
   - other information that profiles you as a successful teacher and/or demonstrates your interest in writing.

2) **A current resume or CV –** Please note: If you have changed jobs frequently (more than three schools/districts) within five years of applying for the institute, we invite you to attach an explanation to help us understand your career trajectory.

3) **Two professional references** with phone and email contact information.

4) **Optional Enclosures**
   - **Optional:** Artifacts of your success as a teacher of writing (you might include teaching awards, student evaluations, teaching observation reports, or any other artifacts that are sources of pride);
   - **Optional:** artifacts or descriptions of your own personal writing projects (publications, awards, works in progress);

*** Tip:** We prefer to receive letters that utilize a unique writer's voice and help us get to know you as a teacher, writer, and person. You don't need to use the list above as an outline.

Selection Process

Space is limited to 15 teachers due to budget and time constraints. The DWP Directors and Co-Directors will review all application materials and begin to accept applications for the 2018 institute during winter break (December 2017). Participants' applications will continue to be reviewed monthly through April 8th, 2018. We invite and encourage early applications.

Once all 15 spaces have been awarded, we will begin a waiting list for additional qualified applicants**.** We will notify waitlisted applicants in order if a space opens. Qualified waitlisted applicants will be given first priority for the following summer.

To apply, please email your application materials to Kyle.Crawford@ucdenver.edu and Cathy.Casper@ucdenver.edu. We will confirm the receipt of your application materials via email.

If you prefer to send your application and supporting materials via U.S. Mail, please use this address:

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We look forward to receiving your application. If you have questions, please call our office at (303) 315-7846. We are staffed on a part-time basis and will respond as soon as possible. For a quicker response, please email Kyle (Kyle.Crawford@ucdenver.edu) and Cathy (Cathy.Casper@ucdenver.edu).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Graduate Credit (Optional)

Those accepted into our program have the **option** earn up to six graduate credits toward an M.A. in Education or English at CU Denver (with advisor's approval). We encourage all participants to take advantage of the opportunity to earn graduate credit.
Participants who opt to take the institute for graduate credit will be responsible for the tuition costs for the number of credits they select. Tuition ranges from roughly $2,000 to $3,000 for six credits. Tuition costs depend on your student status (degree, resident, nonresident, or non-degree)*.

Professional Development Hours

All participants with perfect attendance to the pre-institute, summer institute, and post-institute meetings will receive a certificate proving 120 hours of professional development with the Denver Writing Project. This certificate can be presented to the CDE for re-licensure.

Participation Stipends:

Participants will earn a $300.00 stipend to cover the costs of commuting to campus, parking, and purchasing supplies for the institute. *A stipend of $600.00 is available for those who choose to register for 3 hours of graduate credit, and a stipend of $900.00 is available for those who choose to register for 6 hours of graduate credit.